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In Re The Application of: )  
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WITHOUT NETWORK SUP- )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in connection with a Request for Continued Examination and Request for 1 Month Extension of Time and in response to the Office Action of February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

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